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Happy St Patrick's Day

by Nancy Lim

Saint Patrick's Day falls on Sunday March 17. Many people feel that it's just a time to drink some green ale, eat corned beef and cabbage, and wear anything green. But there's more to Saint Patrick's Day than partying and having a jolly old time.

Who was Saint Patrick? Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. Born in the 4th century in Great Britain, he grew up in a Roman family before being captured by Irish raiders and forced into slavery at age sixteen. He was able to escape and return to his Family after six years of being a herdsman. However, Saint Patrick being a herdsman however, Saint Patrick has to be resulted in the solic mission to bring Catholicient to the Irish, so he returned to Ireland and baptized many people. According to leend, he was many people. According to legend, he was able to explain the idea of the Holy Trinity using a shamrock, a three-leaf clover.

Origins of Saint Patrick's Day According to one theory, this holiday falls on March 17 because it was the day that Saint Patrick had died. It is believed that when the Irish immigrated to other regions around the world, they brought with them their history and celebrations, including the festival of Saint Patrick.

Traditionally, this holiday is a time for spiritual renewal and offering of prayers. Many people around the world join the celebrations, but the largest festivities are held in Ireland. It is a religious holiday, so most businesses are closed and many people attend mass. attend mass

artend mass.

Patrick's Day is also celebrated worldwide in areas that have a large Irish population. Here in Toronto, many people share the festive spirit by attending the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade, which began back in 1988. This parade is one of the largest in all

of North America.

Symbols Shamrock

Because of its supposed use by Saint Patrick to explain the Holy Trinity, the shamrock was chosen as the national symbol of Ireland. Various shamrocks, especially the or freland. Various sharrocks, especially the small white clover, were considered to be good luck charms by the Irish, and this superstition has continued to present times among those of different nationalities. Many people also wear sharmocks each year as a way to join in the festivities of Saint Patrick's Day.

Leprechauns and Pots of Gold

Leprechauns and Pots of Gold Leprechauns are Irish fairies who are usually short and dressed in green. They are thought of to be friendly people who live alone, passing their time by making shoes and guarding their post of gold. According to legend, those who hunt for treasure try to capture a leprechaun and force them to tell them where their gold is hidden. However, the captor must keep his eyes on this tricky Irish fairy, or else the leprechaun will vanish.

Blarney Stone

This is the ancient stone found in a 90-foot tall castle in Blarney, a small village in Ireland. Legend has it that when people kiss the blarney stone, it gives them the power of persuasiveness and eloquence.

Green

Green is a major symbol of Saint Patrick's Day. However, the original colour of this holiday was actually blue, and it was not changed until the 19th century. The fact that Ireland is filled with lush landscape year-round is probably the inspiration for green becoming Ireland's national colour.

Don't Forget

Ni source competition again.
Win cash and get a summer job
producing the Source Student Guide
and Planner.
The competition is open to all George
Brown College students.
Check out the posters around the

campuses or contact the Dialog office for more details. 416 - 415 - 2710 Room 167B St. James Campus

Graduating?

Grad Photo Sittings March 11-15 St James March 25-28 Nightingale April 1-5 Casa Loma You must make an appointment at your student association office

WHAT'S HAPPENING

March 14-20 March 14-20 Voting George Brown College's 10th Annual Labour Fair

all campuses Nightingale Event St Patrick's Day March 15 March 17 March 20 Elections Pub

(St. James Bar) Queer Night March 21

(St. James Bar)
Talent Trek St James Gym
Grad Photos @ March 26 March 25-28 Nightingale Good Friday - No School March 29



What motivated you to

What relevant experience do you feel qualifies you

How do you plan to

represent the needs of

your fellow students?

In what ways would

you increase student involvement at

Student Association

What do you think

If elected, list three

primary goals you wish

to accomplish during

How do you plan on

How do you plan on

balancing your time

other obligations?

What are your main

areas of interest in

George Brown is a

diverse campus-in what ways would you

strive for representa-tion of ALL students?

ular campus?

relation to your partic-

between; commitments

to the SA, school and

a diverse team

environment?

achieving goals within

in the Canadian

Federation of

Students?

your term.

George Brown's goal is

for this position?

run for this position?



Simon Streichik

want to make a difference

Board of Governors

concern and changes needed within the College. I am motivated to run for the Board of Governors Student rep so that I can ensure these are brought to the attention of the College directly and right away

Student Association has helped me to see the areas where improvement is needed. I have met many of the staff of the

bring the student's needs and concerns right at the top where they should be

Student Association and help-ing with events. I will make faculty aware in advance of certain events and welcome their support to allow their students more participation

I will have up and running the SafeWalk(Program which will create

I have been able to achieve group goals within diverse team environments, by appreciating the different strengths of each member. This applies in our own college as well

This year I had some course exemptions and these really helped in successfully balancii my school load with my other

Casa Loma seems to get the last consideration when it comes to improvements. I want to make the awareness increased so that all campuses can have equal considera-tions on all issues.

Firstly, we will have more career sessions representing our diverse programs. I currently sit on the College Council's Diversity, Equity and Safety committee. My active involvement will continue and the work already started there will be carried out in recognizing the different needs of such a diverse college.

NOT AVAILABLE

Bruce Kilnatrick

CL Campus Director

I wish to use my gifts in leadership to help others and myself. In the process, I wish to learn about myself and improve in my interper-

I have taught English language

in Korea for two years, in pri-mary and middle schools, to

students and teachers. I have served as manager and treasurer at my home church, Toronto

Korean United Church

I will listen actively and

faculty, and be a faithful

liaison between my class

mates and our student gov-

I will actively spread news by

word of mouth, personal con-

tacts, and help put up posters. I will contact individual stu-

dents, student groups and stu-

George Brown College is the

among other schools is a key.

strategic city college of

role in leadership in the

Canadian Federation of Students. Solid co - operation

I wish to increase student

awareness of our Student

Association, promote more

active participation from my nursing diploma peers, and

I will use my individual gifts

serve as a sincere, faithful

nursing representative.

Toronto and has a critical

dent bodies.

attentively to the students,

my fellow classmates in my

in the lives of students. I want to build the profile of this school in the community and ensure that we receive a quality education.

My experience as the current Casa Loma Vice President to the College and know who to go to to

I will be involved in decision making at the highest level of the College and therefore will

I will still be a member of the

F.Y.I., George Brown was the Member of Parliament who advo-cated for free post-secondary edu-cation. It is appropriate then that we are a part of the push for tuitror increase freezes, and our goal is to assist the CFS in recognizing the specific needs of Canadian col-leges.

Sate Walk Program which will create a safer environment and increase stu-dent employment. I will continue the review of College Policies and Procedures and have impermented the appropriate improvements. There will be a much needed improvement in the student Bursaries Program

responsibilities. I am going to take next years electives in the summer so that I can achieve the ame success again

NURSING REP

sonal skills.

Former Chair of Student Council of my school, helped organize events with the Canadian Federation of

Provide an open and transnarent Student Association where services can be accessed easily and conve-niently. Allow Public Health to set up shop in our student centre.

Use local media as an opportunity to publicize events to community. Actively utilize Dialog newspaper and distribute flyers and put posters on walls. Provide forums for students to speak on important issues. Empower students with the opportunity to implement their ideas for our school.

To advance the interests of our post-secondary students through political channels. By associating with other stu-dents, we become a much larger and more effective body. To push for the government to provide more money for col-leges and universities.

1. Repair TVs in student lounge and install Cable. Keep lounge open longer.

2. Launch student run cafeteria offering tasty, affordable and nut toous food that is provided at cost offering tasty, affordable and nut toous food that is provided at cost offering services in School and identify acceptable advertisement in washrooms, etc

Set priorities, divide responsibility and give people tasks, work co-operatively towards

Plan out my week budget

ble and spontaneous, espe-

cially when students see me

in the halls and tell me about

the problems they are having.

my time. Be able to be flexi-

I will both speak and listen, actively and assertively. our common goal.

I will attend all meetings. I do not work. I will put my utmost commitment to my rigorous full time study in nursing diploma

I'm interested in cultural activities, health and science related events, and sports

I will actively attend to the needs and concerns of each and every ethnic group, and students of all different levels of income and religious background and maintain this

network continuously.

Ensure that we receive a good quality education that employers value, at a reasonable cost to us Provide an opportunity for students to learn to be critical thinkers, and at the same time, learn and apply practical work-related skills.

related skills.

I commit myself to being a strong advocate for students, to make sure all advocate for students, to make sure all advocate for students, to make sure all students and students and students and students and students are students and stu

Il-Myaung Park
I was born in Korea, imm grated to Canada with my parents when I was barely one year old. I have a one year old. I have a younger brother, Randy, who is studying in his fourth year of medicine at Queen's Uni-versity. I was raised in Mis-sissauga, and have been a res ident of Mississauga for twenty - two years. I gradu-ated from Glenforest Sec-ondary School in 1992 with Ontario Scholar honours and entered the York University biology program with the York Entrance Scholarship. I graduated from York in 1998. I taught as an Englis

instructor in Korea from '99 until 2001. Now I have just begun my first semester in nursing diploma at George Brown College.

I bring energy, enthusiasm, kind and cheerful attitude and a voice from an ethnic group. Thank you for your consid-

Simon Streichild

ar uce Ripatrick

I am a Building Removations student
at Casa Loma campus. I began getting
involved by joining the Technology
Students Representative Council and
then joining the Dialog Collective,
which publishes our student newspa-per. My main focus was to get Casa
Loma students more informed and
involved.

Learning about the

see how they represented the studiof George Brown College. I becar an executive of the S.A. as Casa. Loma's Vice President. I felt this would better enable the vision of in student involvement at Casa Loma campus.

Campus. Having dealt with many issues and complaints, and being involved with many initiatives, I have recognized some key areas of improvement that are needed by the college. I am working with others on these solutions but

major job of the Campus Directors will be to assist the Campus V-Ps. Each member is expected to sit on at least one sub-committee such as Events or Educational Issues.

Casa Loma, Hospitality, Nightingale and St. James. Th

WHY WE VOTE

by Shelley Edwards, Chief Returning Officer

It's that time of year again Just when you wish everyone would leave you alone so you can concentrate on your stud-

ies, people are going around telling you that you must vote. Vote for what? Vote for who?

As a full-time student you are a member of the Student Asso-

ciation of George Brown Col-

lege. You are represented by

students who make decisions

about how your Student Associ-ation is run and what services it

will offer. Each year you elect a new batch of student represen-tatives. This year the elections are held May 14, 15, 18, 19,

You get to elect paid Execu-tive members. These positions include President, Vice-Presi-

dent, Education and a Vice-President from each of the campuses). The President is

the head individual, the main spokesperson of the organiza-

spokespersor of the organiza-tion. As such they will repre-sent you throughout the next school year. The V-P, Education is the person responsible for education issues. If you ever

need to do an academic appeal:

you will need this person. The three campus V-Ps represent

each full-time student at their

various campuses. Each Execu-

tive member makes decisions

concerning finances, staffing, services as well as activities

Also running for election are

At-Large members of the Board

of Directors. These are program representatives from Allied

Health, Community Services (1

from each of the St. James and Nightingale campuses), Cre-ative Arts, Hospitality and Nurs-

New this year are the other

At-Large members called Cam-pus Directors. There will be one

director from each of following:

and events.

20, 2002.

These students running for election deserve your support. They are willing to work towar change within the College and many volunteer their time as they work towards their goals. takes a special person who ca hold an elected position while maintaining high academic standards.

Showing your support is easy Just look through our special Election Insert. By reading the candidates biography and thei answer to ten standardized questions you can decide which person to support.

During the campaign period March 4 to March 13, 2002, candidates will be putting up posters, campaigning in hall-ways and getting their messag out. This is your time to ask specific questions of your can-

On election days, remember bring your student ID with you Our Returning Officers will be setting up voting booths in main hallways on your campus If you can't see them, go to your Student Association office to see about their leading. to ask about their location

Our Chief Returning Officer will receive all the votes and with help of the Polling Clerks will tally the results and post them on the door of the Stu-dent Association office at St. James campus, Results will also be printed in following issue of Dialog.

Now all you have to do is get out and vote.



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Spring has sprung....and I am anticipating warmer weather by the time this issue comes out.

Right now I am listening to the Joan Barfoot, piece entitled "Starch, Salt, Chocolate, Wine" Starch, Salt, Chocolate, Wine" reminding me of where I have been, and where I am. 2 years ago I would have said that all my friends belonged to the male gender. I am lucky now because my friendships include the relations of women. For the first time in my life I can honestly say that I have more female friends then I do male friends. All along I felt like i was missing out on something. Like I missing out on something. Like I was excluded from an exclusive club. I felt like I just did not cut it as a girl. Thanks to my older brothers I felt like I possessed more masculine qualities, the female qualities. Yes I grew up a tomboy. Yes I am not afraid to get my hands dirty. Yes I have been under the see what an engine looks like. In guess that could have to do with the fact that I also grew up on a farm. It fact that I also grew up on a farm. It fact that I also grew up on a farm. It took me a long time, but I am finally

able to say that I am happy with

International Women's Day means a lot to me. 7 years ago when I was first considering writing as a career I was asked by a friend to I was asked by a friend to participate in a spoken word show on teh radio, for UBC's radio station CITR. What an experience. I remember the poems that I read, and how the anxious energy travelled through me. I recited my poetry with my eyes closed....I was doing what I had promised myself I

would do for a career......

The show was pre-taped, and scheduled to be broadcast 2 weeks later on International Women's Day. I waited patiently, marking the da so I would be able to hear myself. When the day arrived I was at Maureen and Justine's house, with my friend Carolyn. We were having a yard sale. The afternoon shaped up nicely. Later in the afternoon when the broadcast came on I listened to it by myself in the back bedroom. I am not sure why I listened to it alone. But I did find it to be a very emotional experience. For some reason I cried during the whole broadcast. Perhaps it was because I had never actually heard myself on the radio before, or perhaps it was because I had never even heard myself on tape before. It was an experience that I pulled a lot out of. experience that I pulled a lot out or, and can say that I learned a lot from. I did many more spoken word performances after that and gradually I got better at it. The best memories I have of my performances come from Vancouver Friends that I didn't even know had would come to hear me speak I was always flattered when people I knew would show up. People who I didn't even know knew that I did spoken word would show up. What a feeling! Especially at the end when I would finish speaking. I always felt like I could take on the world. That I was ready for anything, I did 2 seasons, before I moved to Toronto. I was in Toronto for a month before I got my courage up to break in a new city. I decided to premier myself at the Gladstone. I had never been there before and had no idea what to expect. All I knew was

where it was located (Dufferin & Queen) I sat in the back patiently sipping a water waiting my turn. The spping a water waiting my turn. The topics before me were all about how these people had kicked their habit, and the withdrawals that they had had to endure. Finally it was my turn.....I started out slowly, I was shy. Plus I didn't know anyone in the room so it made it hard to find the room so it made it hard to find that power point that gives you the energy to perform on the stage. Well let's just say that I was not a hit, and for the first (and only) time hit, and for the first (and only) time in my life I got heckled, and I mean heckled. "En there baby, want some Pablum® fed to you? Are you even old enough to be in this place? Baby has never gone through an addiction before..." They were brutal. I left the stage with lears in my eyes. So the stage with learn in my eyes. I could it was another very emotional, and very personal experience. Since then, which was 6 years ago 1 have never 6 years ago I have never participated in another spoken word event. They really took something from me. Or I let them take something from me.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Dialog
Thank you for the
informative piece on the
election candidates. The questions raised were thought provoking and drew out their positions and priorities. I wanted to take this opportunity to clear up an inaccuracy regarding the Canadian Federation of

Students put forward by one of the presidential candidates.

George Brown is not, as Dwayne Hines states, "the only college with the CFS," but one of twenty college members across Canada. There are 150,000 college students, including students at George Brown

George Brown students have been active in the Federation for a number of ears and we have enefited greatly.

In addition to a voice at the provincial and national levels, membership entitles us to a free International Student Identity Card

on travel. The card costs \$16 for non-members. We also get the student saver card that gives us discounts at over 500 stores in

Toronto alone.
Our membership in the
Canadian Federation of Students allows us to work with both colleges and working together will we be successful in bringing about an accessible, high quality education system Denise Hammond, communications student

matter to all students like tuition fees, OSAP, and student debt. Only by

Human Rights Advisor

Question: I was in one of the washrooms on campus and encountered some very offensive graffiti. What was written on the wall really upset me and made me feel unsafe. What should I do?

Graffiti offensive, misogynist, homophobic and racist. Graffiti often targets heterosexual women, lesbian women, gay men, bisexuals and raclal/ graffiti on the campus that is promoting hatred and creating a poisoned environment in which to work or study, note the location. Report the offensive graffitl and the location to Campus Security immediately at 4532. Campus Security will take a report and let the campus management know the location of the graffiti so it can be

In the Election Issue, under the Human Rights Advisor on page 3, there was no mention made of the Nightingale campus office.



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Candid Education

The Real World

You can make money without an education and an education Isn't going to bring you happiness so why get a post secondary education?

why get a post secondary education in the form of the control of t to include this in my career.

discovered an interest I didn't know I had, The more you pack into your brain the more it will expand and nd and getting the more it will expand and the more it will expand and everyone enjoys gating compliments about how smart they expended the seven the expanding the expandi

Confusion

I don't know what I'm going to do.
I am a confused, inexperienced 18-year old who doesn't know which career path to take. Should I become a journalist? Or a teacher? There are several positive and negative aspects to both careers, which

makes it such a difficult decision.

makes it such a difficult decision.

Journalism intrigues me because broadcasting seems
like a fun and interesting field, particularly in sports
media. I am a basketball junkie, and it would be a
dream to work as a sports analyst or commentator for
the Toronto Raptors (I'd love to take Chuck Swirsky's seat next to Leo Rautins on the sidelines!).If I choose to become a broadcaster, Ryerson would be the ideal

to become a broadcaster, Ryerson would be the ideal place. They offer a four-year Journalism program in which I could major in Broadcasting and attain a Bachelor of Applied Arts (BAA). However, this program has a small number of enrollment positions (only 118) and according to INFO, a guide to Ontario universities for secondary students, there are over 1,400 applicants. It will be difficult for me to get excepted, studies that the strength of the program of the study by Human Resources Development Canada (1996 Census). Journalists make around \$4.16,00 cach vear.

Census), journalists make around \$41,600 each yea which is decent, but definitely nothing to get excited about. Also, journalists have to be aggressive and at times cutthroat, and I cannot picture myself being like

On the other hand, I could choose to become a eacher. Without sounding too cliche, I want to make a difference in this world, and maybe teaching children is a good way to help others. I see my own high school teachers as encouraging influences. This certain

English teacher of mine, who apparently has 10 qualifications in different subject areas, told me that he makes a good living (around \$70,000 per year), which is definitely a positive aspect. Also, he said that if you love to enlighten young minds, teaching could be truly fulfilling

If I do decide to become a teacher, I could go to the University of Toronto for five years and major in English, which would result in earning both a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education. With all the baby-boomers retiring in the next five to ten years, there will

of Arts and Bacnelor of I clucation. With all the baby boomers retiring in the next five to ten years, there will be many teaching positions available.

Can I handle a room full of screaming children five days a week? Maybe the daily life of a high school teacher is less aggravating. Then again, would dealing with temperamental teenagers with attitude and hormones driving them wild be an easier job? I know that many foy ou out there have been as confused as I am right now. It suppose that it's normal for people to want to "find" themselves, to make a good living, and to generally be happy. This is truly what it all comes down to our own happiness. More shouldn't bear too much importance in choosing a career; if you enjoy your job that's all that really matters. All the hard work and stress that you would have to endure would definitely be worth it. Then I guess I will just have to make a serious decision sooner or later. Right now, if doesn't look like I'm even close to making a defimit choice.

Will I ever get over this confusion?



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The Importance of Education by Allan Stokell

I trained as a compositor while I was in high school and upon graduation became a compositor's apprentice at Speedy Typesetting on Richmond Street in Toronto. A compositor was the person who set type to produce books, magazines, newspapers, just about anything printed.

The year was 1967 and I looked forward to completing my apprenticeship and becoming a journeyman; the person who operated the Linotype machine. The Linotype was about the size of a compact car. It had a font of molten lead on one end and a typewriter keyboard on the other. By the marvels of the best 19th century technology, somehow an entire newspaper could be typeset by one journeyman and a couple of apprentices using this machine

One day I went to the Graphic Arts show at the CNE. There was the Linotype machine that I expected would be my golden rice bowl, my job for life. The only confusing thing was that this machine was operating combaining timing was that this machinine was operating by itself. A yellow ribbon full of punched holes was going in to a box near the keyboard. That very day I started looking for a new job. In 1967 I had been replaced by technology.

Never mind that. I began training as a photographer. Photography hadn't changed since Henry Fox-Talbot Invented the negative. There is some argument as to who actually invented photography, but Fox Talbot was the first guy to have a system whereby you could make multiple copies of one image.

Here I thought was a nice safe job for life. The

technology was decidedly 1850-ish and it was cool to call yourself a photographer. And it was too. I had a great time right up until the 1990s when I went to a trade show and clamped my eyes on a digital camera

I owned a lot of expensive equipment that shot, processed and printed negatives. I had trained employees and a large studio and darkroom. The digital camera produced images that could quickly be loaded into a computer. Since that was exactly where most of the images my studio produced accept in I. I was once attrial mount to be replaced by ended up, I was once again going to be replaced by technology.

That's how I came to George Brown College. I took one of those aptitude tests and it suggested that I would make a very good desktop/pre-press person. So now I've done the complete circle, At 19-years old, I was involved in the print trade, and now 35 years later

was involved in the print trade, and now 35 years later I'm back. Only difference is this time I am master of the technology which once replaced me. It's probably true that we will have many different careers in our life. This is truer now more than ever before. The best way to prepare for that is to have as much education as possible and then keep taking

courses to upgrade yourself.
Since Graduating from the Electronic Desktop Composition course here at GBC, I've completed a course on training adults and am currently enrolled in

Corporate Communications at Ryerson University.

Just because you will walk away from this place with a nice piece of paper and a pleasant handshake from President Frank Sprochinsky, doesn't mean you can put your college years behind you. As you progress through your career, you'll find that you will need training in specialty areas, and updates on new

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Tweaking emissions policies would cut pollution, save lives

By Jeremy Nelson, Environment Bureau

TORONTO (CUP) — The number of smoggy summer days could be dramatically reduced if a few simple changes to automobile emissions are made, according to a major study released by Canada's leading environmental organizations. "You're talking about a visible improvement in air quality,"

"You're talking about a visible improvement in air quality," said Peter Talouns, Executive Director of Greenpeace Canada, which authored the report along with the Sierra Legal Defense Fund, "There's no reason we should have 1,000 deaths a year in Toronto alone from air quality. It just shouldn't be the case." The main thrust is that Canadá's policy on vehicle emissions is not just far behind Europe, but even falling behind the U.S. The amount of gas vehicles burn per kilometre has not decreased in Canada since the 1980s.



Making matters worse, the number of kilometres traveled by Making anatters worse, the number of kilometres traveled by Asir in Ganada has doubled since 1970, reaching an average of 9,000 kilometres per person per year. As well, sales of gas-guzzling SUVs increased prom 15,000 to 126,000 per year over 20 years, and because SUVs are still classified as trucks, they are allowed to have significantly higher emissions.

summer are going to get even more unbearable.

"The air quality in the cities in Europe are noticeably better than they are in Toronto," he said. "It's a lot easier on your

lungs, let me tell you."

The report says that Canada doesn't even have to go as far as The report says runt chandra obesin teven nave to go as an as Europe to achieve a noticeably improvement. It says Canada should follow California's lead and introduce new standards by 2004 which would make mandatory a 4.3-litrep-r100-kilometres efficiency for passenger cars — a 150 per cent reduction over current standards.

Aside from saving vehicle owners money at the pump, the report says this should also be strengthened by giving breaks for cars that exceed this standard, and "gas-guzzler" taxes for cars that don't

Adopting California's standards would also mean ending special exemptions for SUVs, which are responsible for a disproportionate amount of smog-causing emissions. "There are no technological obstacles here. It's really a question of political commitment," said Tabuns.

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The other mapp plank of the report is dramatically cutting back on the amount of a highly dangerous compound in fuels. In fact, removing most sulphur would mean \$7 billion saved in health care costs, 2,100 fewer deaths and 11 million fewer incidents of respiratory problems over a 20 year period, according to Health Canada.
"The berse of air, quality, removing sulphur is the met."

"In terms of air quality, removing sulphur is the most important step," said Tabuns

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Sulphur not only has direct human consequences, but it
interferes with catalytic converters in vehicles, which are the
main means of reducing dangerous emissions.
Canada has some of the highest sulphur content in its
gasoline in the world, largely a result of major oil refiners
refusing to update very old equipment. In fact, some Ontario

refiners have such poor equipment that Alberta must actually add sulphur to its petroleum before sending it to Ontario. By following California's lead and reducing sulphur from as much as 800 parts per million to 30 parts per million, Canada would cut smog by massive amounts and achieve major health benefits

The auto and oil industry has been actively resisting changes to emissions or sulphur content in large part because it would

to emissions or sulpinar content in large part because it would mean updating equipment.
"In the end they'll still be able to produce cars people can afford to buy and they can afford to sell at a profit but to go from point a to point b means they are going to have to put money in and my guess is that they are wanting to completely money in and my guess is that they are wanting to completely exhaust the capital value of the assets before they make a new investment," said Tabuns. "That might be good for them but it's bad news for the population as a whole."

He says given the "laid-back" approach to lobbying pursued by the Ministry of the Environment, the federal government "will have to feel the ground shift under their feet" to implement these measures. "In the or low or summer or low or summer or or wors could provide some political push to make them move."





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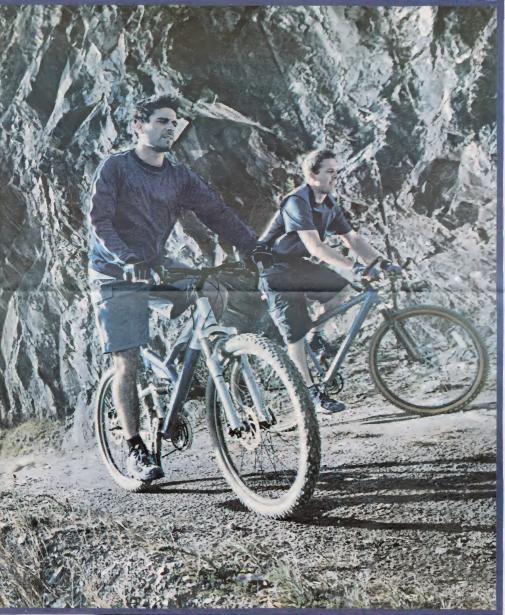


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Life Lessons

by Sharon Kamassah

...The oppressor never voluntarily gives freedom to the oppressed. You have to work Treedom to the oppressed. You have to work for it....Freedom is never given to anybody, for the oppressor has you in domination because he plans to keep you there and he never voluntarily gives it up. And that is where the strong resistance comes - privileged classes never give up their privileges without strong

resistance. Martin Luther King, Jr. Strong resistance

Martin Luther King Jr. is held in the hearts of many nations as the great leader of the civil rights movement. In passage after passage, he casts this concept of strong resistance. He postulates that freedom is a direct product of strong resistance. The two ideas juxtaposed don't seem to belong in the same sentence let alone be intimately joined to one another, so one may dismiss the whole statement as nonsensical. Let's look at this from a personal perspective. Why do I need to resist? Am I not free? Who are the privileged? Who are the oppressed? Does this have anything to do with me? Why should I care? I was raised in this country. I have a post secondary education. I have a good job. I've traveled. I vote. I pay taxes. I have a family, a house, a car... Based on all these assets, life is going my way so why do I need to resist?

One thing I admire about the late Dr. King s that when he spoke and when he acted on his words, he expressed a commitment to serving in the best interest of all people. When he talked about resistance, he wasn't talking about entering into a war or physical talking about entering into a war or physical struggle with others. According to the Webster's dictionary, to resist means to oppose actively, to strive against and withstand. The more I read and listen, the more I realize Dr. King meant to resist discrimination in the purest sense of the word. Apathy, inaction and silence indirectly condone discrimination. Regardless of whom the injustice is impaction was all have. the injustice is impacting, we all have a responsibility to take a stand and resist that oppressive belief and action. When we support one another we are ultimately supporting ourselves. We are building Being excluded, set up for failure, accepted as a token or exception, silenced, misrepresented and stereotyped are but a few

ways people are demeaned and treated unfairly. Think about it:

When I am asked, "So where are you from?", am I wrong in thinking that I am perceived as not belonging here...?

When I am sitting in my office with an ID badge around my neck and someone asks me if I could direct them to Sharon, am I wrong in thinking that I am perceived as unworthy or unqualified for this position...? When I am browsing in a boutique and keep

spying the same person over my shoulder watching me as I walk through the aisles, am I wrong in thinking that I am perceived as

untrustworthy...?
When I mention I have a child and the person casually comments how tough it must be raising her on my own, despite the fact I am wearing a wedding band, am I wrong in thinking that I am perceived to be a single

Did I mention I happen to be a black

Prejudice is expressed in an array of

different ways.

On the flip side, as an educated, employed, citizen I realize I have a lot of privilege. I have many opportunities to make a difference in the community. Some ways that we may make a difference are by:

* Creating and supporting safe spaces
* Being open and accepting of others
* Organizing and sharing ideas in diverse

groups
* Being mindful not to misrepresent or

speak for others

* Educating ourselves about other communities and perceptions

It is very easy for me to be complacent. My life is comfortable. However, I realize that my present comfort came on the backs of millions of people who struggled, spoke out and unflinchingly declared that we shall overcome!

We as people are worthy of respect, recognition and freedom. For this reason over all others, I too resist.

Thank you Martin for your wisdom and service. May your spirit burn eternally

Love Is Colour Blind

by Nancy Lim

"If the world you see is black and white Then I might just blow your mind.. ..And I hope that I'm gonna find That our love is colourblind.

These are the words of Hear'Say, a British Pop group. The song is about a person who is attracted to someone of a different race, and there is nothing wrong about that, We live in a multicultural city, and interracial dating has become a common experience for many of us. Fifty years ago, people would have scoffed at the idea. Today, our society embraces it, albeit with the occasional unbeliever. How can someone be against interracial relationships? We live in a world filled with diversity, After I went out to several interracial couples and interviewed them, I gained so much insight into their special relationships, in the eves and there is nothing wrong about that. We interviewed them, I gained so much insight into their special relationships. In the eyes of Sarah George, a half-Filipino, half-Egyptian 18-year old from Toronto, her current relationship with a person who is Indian has been an incredible experience. "When I'm with him, I feel genulinely happy," she said. "He's an interesting person, and the fact that we are interesting person, and the fact that we are of contrasting races keeps it interesting. I get to learn about different cultures and traditions. Sran's parents have been influential in her decision to date someone of another background, since they are an interracial couple. I surveyed 50 random people of varying ages and races, and asked them about interracial relationships. Over two-thirds have dated someone of another ethnic background. As well, 48 out of 50 people felt that they are attracted out of 50 people tell that they are attracted to those of a different race, and they see themselves being in an interracial relationship in the future. These numbers relationship in the truture. These numbers explain the truth; when someone is attracted to another person, skin colour really doesn't matter. Around us, there are signs that our society has recognized the increase and appeal of interracial dating. consequently, there have been many examples in which the media has tried to deal with this issue.Look no further than to recent films. The movie, "O," which is based on Shakespeare's "Othello," focuses

on a teenager who is convinced by his best friend that his grifffrend is cheating on him. Mekhi Phifer plays the jealous, black boyfriend, while Julia Stiles plays the unsuspecting, white griffriend. "Monster's Ball" is about a black woman (Halle Berry) and a white man (Billy Bob Thornton) who and a white man (Billy Bob Thornton) who turn to each other after experiencing the death of a loved one. In both films, interracial dating is not the main focus. However, couples of different races have been chosen to star in these movies, and this reiterates the fact that society can relate to this common type of relationship. The same acknowledgement of interracial relationships is displayed in several music video's. In "You Make Me Sick," R&B video's. In "You Make Me Sick," R&B singer Pink, who is white, is depicted as having an African-American boyfriend. Likewise, Caucasian NSYNC member Justin Timberlake seeks a relationship with Justin Timberlake seeks a relationship with an African-American woman In their latest video for "Girlfriend." There are some people out there who do not embrace interracial dating. They do not support it, believing that you should only date those who are of the same race. A close Asian friend of mine recently began dating an African American Schematics of the same race. African-American. She explained that various women who "just wanted to speak their mind" had approached her on separate occasions. One female told her that she should "stay within her own race" an unfortunate experience that drips with ignorance. Who has a right to jump into another relationship and say that they should not be together because of the colour of their skin? I was actually quite shocked when I learned that this happened snocked when I learned that this happened to my friend. It was an isolated incident, yet I think that it's surprising that it happened in a community filled with interracial couples. I hope that they realize that love cannot be based on skin colour alone. You are attracted to someone not just because of their appearance, but because of their personality, and the happiness you experience when you're together.

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Shooters Shoot for Cup!

by Scott Blakely

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throughout the playoffs, capping the season off with a 12-8 final over the Loungers in the off with a 12-8 final over the Loungers in the Final. Congratulations goes out to the entire Shooter team. Victor Bhanot, Ryan Cain, Bernardo Marino, Paolo Santamaria, Justin Skirinjar, Mauro Trisi, Enzo Martire, Andrew Hylton, Terry Clemente, and Mike Nguyen. In other news, congratulations to League MVP Rob McKinnon, Goallender of the Year Robbie Guzman, and Sportsmanship Player of the Year Craic Inch.

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Olympic Fever Made Canadians Hot For

by Eun-ah Maria Park

The Olympics. It's exciting, it's attention getting, it's international. The very word conjures up images of strong athletes competing at their best abilities and countries oest abilities and countries coming together to celebrate the thrill of competitive sport. Competition is fun and it drives the imagination of athletes and inspires the hearts and minds of countrymen and young athletes who dream of one day competing in the athletes who dream of one day competing in the Olympics. The Olympics. The Olympic motto, "Cittus, Altus, Fortus", means faster, higher and stronger. The athletes who compete in the Olympics are models of strength, courage and determination. They're being put to the test to attain high standards of human physical achievement, yet they have already proved themselves able to achieve a high level of performance by securing a

performance by securing a spot on the Olympic team. When Canada's Olympic When Canada's Olympic hockey teams, both men's and women's, struck gold, our country went wild. We were joyous and astounded at the amazing feat that was accomplished. It was a golden moment that will be remembered and expressed for years to come. My family, who are not your typical hockey fans, gathered in front of our television to cheer of our television to cheer Canada on. Each of our faces were intently focused on the

Gold

puck, as it slide past the players and was shot toward the goalie's net. This was quality family bonding time. We are all adults now, but sharing that moment of glory when the gold medal was presented to the Canadian team, brought us to that raw state of pure joy and fanaticism. We are dreams. We should support our future athletes and encourage everyone to get involved in sports. Physical involved in sports. Physical activity motivates individuals and increases self-esteem. There is a lot that we can each achieve when we put ourselves to the test. Here comes the XXVII summer Olympics in 2004. Let's



Canadian. Having spoken to other people over the next few days, everyone was happy to share their joy and elevated spirit.

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TECHNOLOGY

by Sean Carson

Technology Report for Dialog Collective

To the Collective, Student Association and readers of dialog;

Currently I am working on future plans for upgrading the technology in the Dialog Collective office, in hopes that we can move towards



the future. The limited funds given to the Dialog for new equipment has been taken into consideration, along with the needs of today's paper and its growth in the future. A proposal for buying a new Macintosh G4 Dual-Processor system that is fully loaded (to keep up with current and future needs), along with the replacement of the scanner and laser printer will be just a small part in our leap into future technologies.

The computer will be state-of-

the-art so that we won't fall behind in technology too fast. New systems are coming out about every two months, and buying the highest system possible will keep us on the cutting-edge of technology for the next two years. The new scanner, although not professional, will prove to be easier to use and very cost efficient. I have researched the best quality laser printer, and it also is in a favourable price range. I think I have found a printer in which will be very useful to the Dialog over the next several years.

The Dialog Collective has been concerned about the fact that we



are behind in today's technology. The plan is to replace the current Macintosh G3 with the new and present Macintosh G4. This new system will become our main



computer for the creation of the Dialog, while the older G4 will become a more general use system, there to help us with publications. We have not discussed, in much detail, the matter of what will happen with the G3, old laser printer, or the scanner, though I would be willing to help the Dialog find prospective buyers. Although, the G3 would be handy for use in the Dialog office as a file and print server to help increase production and also help to keep the files organized in one location.

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